

Remarks

Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the amendments the following remarks.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 4, 7, 18, 21, 27, 32, 35, and 41 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 7, 18, 21, 32, and 41 have been rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of the claims as previously presented and should now be allowed. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 4 and therefore should be allowed. Independent claim 15 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 27 and therefore should be allowed. Independent claim 29 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 35 and therefore should be allowed. Dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8-13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23-26, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36-40, and 43 depend from claims 1, 15, 29 and therefore should be allowed along with their base claims.

The claims also have been amended to address the objections raised on page two of the action. Thus, the claim objections should be withdrawn.

The amendments to the claims have been made to expedite prosecution of the application and for economic reasons.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-17, 19-20, 22-26, 28-31, 33-34, 36-40, and 42-43 were rejected as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,486,036 to Storke et al. Applicant traverses this rejection. In view of the amendments, this rejection is now moot and therefore should be withdrawn.

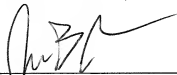
The present application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any further issues remain concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to discuss such matters.

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